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Recommendation

The facility should be upgraded with wide shoulders or striped lanes and appropriate signage.

A14 New Frontage Rd (South of I-40) – Blue Ridge Rd (SR 2500) to Patton Cove Rd (SR 2740)

Purpose and Need

This project coordinates with development of highway project A71, which would construct a two-lane collector on new alignment. There is currently no east-west bike route south of I-40 and west of Blue Ridge Road in this area. Constructing this new facility would connect bicyclists from Blue Ridge Road on the south side of I-40 to the US 70 bike route. It should enable the roadway to accommodate automobiles and bicycles, while providing a safer facility for bicyclists. There is a need to improve facilities along this corridor to provide a safer bicycling facility and enhance connectivity in the area.

Recommendation

This project should be coordinated with highway project A71 and recommendations in the Black Mountain Corridor Study. Construct bike facilities in tandem with new roadway.

A15 Patton Cove Road (SR 2740) – US70 to New Frontage Road

Purpose and Need

This four-lane facility lacks adequate shoulders and bike facilities. As such, bicycle travel is difficult and can be unsafe. Improving this facility should enable the roadway to accommodate automobiles and bicycles, while providing a safer facility for bicyclists. There is a need to improve facilities along this corridor to provide a safer bicycling facility. This project coordinates with development of highway project A35, and would help connect bicyclists from Blue Ridge Road on the south side of I-40 to the US 70 bike route.

Recommendation

This project should be coordinated with highway project A35. The facility should be upgraded with wide shoulders or striped lanes and appropriate signage.

A16 Blue Ridge Rd (SR 2500) – US 70 to Sutton Ave

Purpose and Need

This two-lane facility lacks adequate shoulders, has poor geometrics, has no dedicated bike facilities, and lacks appropriate bike signage. As such, bicycle travel is difficult and can be unsafe. Improving this facility should enable the roadway to accommodate automobiles and bicycles, while providing a safer facility for bicyclists. There is a need to improve facilities along this corridor to provide a safer bicycling facility.

Recommendation

The facility should be upgraded with wide shoulders or striped lanes and appropriate signage.